



# SCARA NEWSLETTER

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### Meeting Notice

Our next regular club meeting will be held on Thursday, July 9th, 7:30 PM at the Canale Training Center.

Plenty of room, conversation and refreshments for everyone!



### 2015 Contests

All ARRL contests for 2015 can be found on the ARRL Contest page of their website at : <http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>.

A generic ARRL contest calendar is provided that gives the weekends for all our events, to assist with long-term planning of your contest operations. The Contest Corral files include non-ARRL events.

### President's Note

1) Field Day was great, a lot of members, guests and Boy Scouts came out. I did two Boy Scout classes for the Radio Merit Badge, 17 out of 18 got the badge, one will come back later. 2) Need someone to help with the newsletter and or take it over. 3) The next general meeting, July 9, will be an AUXCOMM meeting with Bill KC2AAY 4) Next event will the Children's Museum, July 11, 11:00 AM till 2:00 PM.

### Monthly VE Test Sessions

On the first Thursday of each month SCARA holds a VE test session on the condition that someone has registered. For information call Larry Schall KB2MN at 609-287-5340. The test location is the Canale Training Center, 5033 English Creek Ave. Egg Harbor Twp., NJ 08234. The doors open at 6:30 PM and testing begins at 7:00 PM. Pre-registration is required. Be sure to bring your photo I.D. and current license if you are upgrading to a higher license class. The current testing fee is \$15.

### Special Events

SCARA presents a Fox Hunt-Morse Code-Radio Event on the first Saturday of each month (second Saturday this month) at the Jersey Shore Children's Museum located on the upper level of the Hamilton Mall near Sears.

Children visiting the museum can participate in:

- talking to operators around the world
- play FOXHUNT
- learn about Morse Code and more!

With enough participation there is the possibility of expanding this to a weekly event.

If you have any questions, about this or any other event, please contact Bill McCord KC2ONQ at 609-435-0598.

### SCARA 2015 Monthly Calendar

**AUXCOMM RACES Net:** Every Monday at 7 PM on 146.745 MHz, K2BR

**SKYWARN NET:** Immediately following the AUXCOMM RACES Net

**SCARA VHF KISS Net:** Every Thursday at 7:00 PM on K2BR Repeater. Net Control will be Bill Paulus Jr. KD2EOY except on the third Thursday of each month Net Control will be Larry Schall KB2MN

**SCARA HF Net:** Third Sunday of every month at 10:00 AM 3.928 MHz +/- QRM

**Board Meeting:** Last Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM at the Canale Training Center and now on ooVoo

**VE Test Session:** 1st Thursday of each month. Doors open at 6:30 PM, testing begins at 7:00 PM at the Canale Training Center. Pre-registration is required!

## **Letters to Members of Congress Offer Biggest Boost to Amateur Radio Parity Act**

ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN, has told Section Managers that, while promotion and positive publicity about the Amateur Radio Parity Act (H.R. 1301) are always helpful, the most useful action radio amateurs can take is to contact their members of Congress, urging them to sign on as cosponsors. As of June 9, 72 members of the US House in both parties were listed as cosponsors of the proposed legislation, which would direct the FCC to extend its rules relating to reasonable accommodation of Amateur Service communications to private land-use restrictions. Craigie told the SMs that the grassroots campaign supporting H.R. 1301 needs more letters.

"We have been told quite bluntly by some congressional offices that they want letters from constituents -- that they will be interested in what the ARRL has to say only if they know that voters care about this issue," Craigie said in urging Section Managers to rally the troops. "Why should the congressman care, they ask, if the voters don't? There are tens of thousands of ARRL members who have not written yet. You can do a lot to persuade them to write, because they know you."

Craigie cited the case of US Rep John Carney of Delaware, who

signed on as an H.R. 1301 cosponsor this week. Delaware Section Manager Bill Duveneck, KB3KYH, told her that ARRL members have been appealing to the state's lone Member of Congress to support the bill.

"Late last month, ARRL representatives visited Congressman Carney's Washington office and delivered a stack of approximately 50 constituent letters," Craigie recounted. "That, in addition to the in-state contacts, got the congressman's attention, and he agreed to cosponsor."

Craigie pointed out that the 50 letters were all the more impressive in the case of tiny Delaware, where there are fewer than 500 ARRL members. "Do the math!" she said. "If we could get a similar percentage of ARRL members in additional districts to write their members of Congress, the bill's progress would accelerate. Local in-district contacts plus concentrated letter-writing efforts add up to co-sponsorship. Here's to Delaware and all the other districts whose ARRL members are getting the job done for H.R. 1301."

Members are encouraged to contact their member of Congress by writing personalized, signed letters on paper, based on the sample letter, available on the ARRL H.R. 1301 web page. Letters should go to ARRL Headquarters for hand delivery to the appropriate House members. Send letters to ARRL, ATTN H.R. 1301 Grassroots Campaign, 225 Main St, Newington CT

06111. From ARRL Newsletter June 6, 2015. *Read full article at: <http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter?issue=2015-06-11>*

## **The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 Introduced in the US Senate**

A companion Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 bill has been introduced in the US Senate. Mississippi Republican Sen Roger Wicker introduced S 1685 on June 25, with Connecticut Democratic Sen Richard Blumenthal as the initial cosponsor. The Senate bill joins an identical measure in the US House, H.R. 1301, which was introduced in March by Illinois Republican Rep Adam Kinzinger. Both measures would direct the FCC to extend its rules relating to reasonable accommodation of Amateur Service communications to private land-use restrictions.

"Introduction of the Senate bill is a huge step toward achieving fairness for amateurs affected by private land-use regulation," said ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN. "For them and for the future of Amateur Radio, I thank everyone who contributed to making this progress. Now let's finish the job!"

Wicker said the bill he introduced with Blumenthal's cosponsorship would allow for transparency and equality in the regulatory process. He said in a June 29 media release that the legislation would

ensure that Amateur Radio operators are able to continue to provide "critical communications support at no cost to taxpayers."

"This would be particularly beneficial in Mississippi and other rural states," Wicker said. "During Hurricane Katrina, Mississippians learned firsthand the value of Amateur Radio, and its ability to provide information that could save lives in times of natural disasters."

According to Wicker, the measure "ensures increased access to, and availability of, critical resources and communication tools" to first responders. Added Blumenthal, "We have seen the effectiveness of these systems, and the need to provide these emergency response systems to Americans, regardless of where you live, is evident."

Wicker pointed out that private land-use restrictions prevent many hams from installing functional outdoor antennas. "This bill would call on FCC to apply the reasonable accommodation policy evenly to all types of residential land-use regulations and offer Amateur Radio operators the ability to negotiate with subdivisions that now have restrictions that preclude Amateur Radio antennas completely," he said. "This could be accomplished without taking any jurisdiction away from homeowners associations and would protect neighborhood aesthetics."

S. 1685 has been referred to the US Senate Committee on COMmerce, Science and Transportation, chaired by Sen John Thune (R-SD).

The House version of The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 had attracted support from 83 cosponsors, as of July 1. *From The ARRL News Letter, July 2, 2015*

## Astronaut Samantha Cristoforetti, IZ0UDF, Sets New Record for Woman in Space



European Space Agency Astronaut Samantha Cristoforetti, IZ0UDF, who returned to Earth June 11 with crew mates NASA Astronaut Terry Virts, and Russian Cosmonaut Anton Shkaplerov, has set a new record for the longest single space mission by a woman. Cristoforetti's tour of duty onboard the International Space Station was extended by about a month, following the failure in late April of the Russian robotic *Progress 59* cargo spacecraft to reach the ISS. The *Progress* went out of control, eventually burning up in Earth's atmosphere. "Early start into Day 200 in #space," Cristoforetti tweeted before boarding the *Soyuz* vehicle for the trip home. "It's been an amazing journey, thx for coming

along! Now time to go home to Earth."

While in space, Cristoforetti, 38, conducted several Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) school contacts. She was to have returned to Earth in early May. Cristoforetti, from Italy, set the record on June 6, when she surpassed the previous record of 194 days, 18 hours, 2 minutes, logged by NASA astronaut Suni Williams, KD5PLB, during her time onboard the International Space Station in 2007. Cristoforetti's new record will come up just short of 200 hours, counting her flight back to Earth. *From ARRL News June 11, 2015*  
<http://www.arrl.org/news/view/astro-naut-samantha-cristoforetti-iz0udf-sets-new-record-for-woman-in-space>

## Printing Amateur Radio License – USA

In this short video we show you how to get a copy of your amateur radio license.

Copy and paste this link into your browser address bar to view the video:

<https://youtu.be/WaQ9HWgYNPI>

## **Membership Recruitment Incentive**

New for 2015 is the SCARA Membership Recruitment Incentive Program. For every new member joining SCARA for the first time, who presents a SCARA business card with your name and call-sign on the back, you will receive a one dollar credit towards your next year's membership.

## **Swap Shop**

Reminder: SCARA has an online amateur radio swap shop on our website, [www.k2br.com](http://www.k2br.com). Click on the "Online Swap Shop" link in the left column of the website to see current listings. For listing items on the website swap shop, email your "Wanted" & "For Sale" items to Larry Schall, KB2MN, at [kb2mn@verizon.net](mailto:kb2mn@verizon.net)

## **Assistant Treasurer Position Available**

This position entails aiding the treasurer with the sale and distribution of club merchandise including, but not limited to, mugs, lapel pins, decals and bags. Bob Webb WA2YSA does a lot for SCARA and little bit of help for him really isn't too much to ask. If interested, contact Bill McCord at 609-435-0598.

## **HELP!**

**"I've bitten off more than I can chew and could choke at any time" says News Letter Editor Dave Holmes  
KD2AYQ**

I seriously need someone to take over this News Letter. My ability to accomplish this monthly task is diminishing rapidly with my ever increasing personal responsibilities at home due to my father's health condition. Anyone who is interested in taking over the position of News Letter Editor is strongly encouraged to contact Bill McCord KC2ONQ at 609-435-0598. Also, I am taking a poll to see how many people read this newsletter. Please send an email (even a blank email will do) with "SCARA News Letter" in the subject line to [kd2ayq@aol.com](mailto:kd2ayq@aol.com).

**Club Information 2015**

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**Board of Directors**

Stan Friedman	WA3JMV	Bob Nicotera	KB2ERL
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Tim Adams	KD2EGR		

**Committee Chairs**

<b>VE Coordinator</b>	Larry Schall KB2MN	<b>ARRL QSL Card Mgr</b>	Arnie Oberson W2OB
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